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FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT Q'S AND A'S AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING  
FEBRUARY 5 WITH DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANDERSON:

QUOTE: Q: CAN YOU CLARIFY THE SITUATION REGARDING THE  
VISITS -- THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND THE  
GREEK AND THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS?

A: THE ONLY THING THAT I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT WE HAVE  
BEEN INFORMED BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT THAT FOREIGN  
MINISTER ESENBEL WILL NOT BE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY  
IN BRUSSELS.

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AND WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS, I HAVE  
NOTHING TO GIVE YOU ON THAT AT THIS TIME. I JUST HAVE  
NOTHING TO SAY ON IT, AT THIS TIME.

Q: WELL, WOULD YOU TELL US WHAT YOUR FEELINGS ARE ABOUT THIS CANCELLATION OF THE ESENBEL VISIT?

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A: WELL, I THINK, AS I SAID YESTERDAY, THE SECRETARY CONTINUES TO WANT TO DO ANYTHING HE CAN TO TRY AND CONTRIBUTE TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS, AND HE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS THAT END AS BEST HE CAN.

Q: IN THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT -- OR FROM ESENBEL, OR FROM WHOEVER IT WAS FROM -- WAS THERE ANY INDICATION OR ANY HOPE HELD OUT THAT A MEETING SOMEWHERE ELSE COULD TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE BETWEEN THE TWO MEN?

A: I AM UNAWARE OF THAT -- OF ANY SUCH INDICATION IN THE COMMUNICATION.

Q: WAS THE REASON FOR THE TALKS NOT BEING HELD THE CANCELLATION OF AID -- THE SUSPENSION OF THE AID?

A: I THINK ON THAT, I JUST WOULD RATHER REFER YOU TO WHAT THE SPOKESMAN OF THE TURKISH FOREIGN OFFICE SAID.

Q: IS THE SECRETARY GOING TO GO TO BRUSSELS ANYWAY?

A: ...VARIOUS PEOPLE WANTED TO KNOW DETAILS ON THE MIDDLE EAST PART. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT THE SECRETARY WILL BE GOING TO EUROPE -- ET CETERA -- AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO BEAR WITH ME. I HOPE THAT TOMORROW I WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU THE WHOLE TRIP.

Q: ON THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER, APPARENTLY THE MEETING HAS ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED. IT WILL TAKE SOMEONE PULLING OUT OF IT IF IT DOESN'T COME OFF. IS THE SECRETARY CONSIDERING NOT MEETING WITH THE GREEK BECAUSE HE'S NOT MEETING WITH THE TURK?

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A: NO. ON THAT QUESTION, AS I SAID EARLIER, WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN MINISTER KITSIOS, I JUST HAVE NOTHING TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT AT THIS TIME.

Q: -- DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YET FROM TURKEY ON THAT COUNTRY REVIEWING ITS TIES WITH NATO?

A: WE'VE READ THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENTS -- TWO STATEMENTS. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO COMMUNICATION -- OR "NOTE," I BELIEVE, WAS THE TERM THAT WAS USED IN HIS STATEMENT.

Q: HAS THE TURKISH CHARGE AN APPOINTMENT TO COME IN OR --

A: THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMUNICATION ALONG THAT LINE  
EITHER, AT THIS TIME.

Q: WHEN THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE WOULD NOT  
MEET WITH THE SECRETARY, WHAT DID HE SAY WAS THE REASON?

A: I'D HAVE TO GET THE (FOREIGN MINISTER'S) STATEMENT  
HERE, AND I'LL TRY AND GET IF FOR YOU. I DON'T HAVE IT  
HERE WITH ME.

Q: HAVE YOU SOME KIND OF OFFICIAL WORD FROM THE  
TURKISH GOVERNMENT SAYING THAT THE MEETING WOULD NOT  
TAKE PLACE. IN THAT, DID YOU GET THE EXPLANATION THIS  
MORNING?

A: LET ME CHECK IT. MY GUESS IS IT'S PROBABLY THE  
SAME AS WHAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID. I WOULD  
ASSUME THAT.

Q: DIDN'T BILL MACOMBER MEET WITH THE TURKISH FOREIGN  
MINISTER YESTERDAY?

A: YES, HE DID.

Q: WELL, WHAT HAPPENED THERE? IS THAT WHEN THEY GOT THE  
WORD THAT THEY DIDN'T CARE TO MEET -- OR DID HE GET ANY  
MORE EXPLANATION THAN THAT? I WAS WONDERING WHAT THE  
PURPOSE OF HIS MEETING WITH HIM WAS.  
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A: THERE WERE DISCUSSIONS. I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO  
DETAILS OBVIOUSLY, OF THE MEETINGS -- ONE OR MORE  
MEETINGS THAT BILL MACOMBER MAY HAVE HAD WITH THE  
TURKISH AUTHORITIES -- INCLUDING THE FOREIGN MINISTER.  
BUT, OBVIOUSLY, THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE MEETING WAS  
DISCUSSED.

Q: WELL, YES. THE REASON I ASKED IS THAT YOU SAID THAT  
YOU HAD SEEN THE TWO STATEMENTS OF THE TURKISH FOREIGN  
MINISTER BUT YOU HAD RECEIVED NO COMMUNICATION.

A: WELL, I WAS ASKED BY DICK VALERIANI, I BELIEVE, IF  
WE HAD RECEIVED A NOTE OR STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO THE  
QUESTION OF OUR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY. I  
BELIEVE THAT WAS YOUR QUESTION, IF I UNDERSTOOD YOU  
CORRECTLY.

Q: THE STORY FROM ANKARA SAID THAT TURKEY ANNOUNCED IT  
WAS REVIEWING ITS TIES WITH NATO AND WOULD INFORM  
WASHINGTON OF THAT IN A NOTE.

A: YES, THAT'S IT. AND WE HAVE RECEIVED NO NOTE ON

THAT SUBJECT.

Q: HAVE YOU RECEIVED A NOTE ON ANY OTHER SUBJECT?

A: AS FAR AS I KNOW, NO.

Q: ON THE CANCELLATION OF THE VISIT NO NOTE?

A: I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT WAS A NOTE OR WHETHER IT WAS ORALLY EXPRESSED.

Q: HAVE THE TURKS INFORMED US -- PRESUMABLY, THROUGH MR. MACOMBER -- THAT THEY WANTED TO SUSPEND THE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS IN ANKARA ON AMERICAN BASES IN TURKEY?

A: I DO NOT KNOW. I'LL LOOK UP THAT ONE.

Q: AT THIS POINT HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY EVIDENCE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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JUSTIFY THE FEAR THAT TURKEY WOULD BE DRIVEN OUT OF THE WEST BY THE CUTOFF OF ARMS AID?

A: I DON'T KNOW WHETHER ANY OF YOU HAVE SEEN THE STATEMENT THAT HAS JUST BEEN PUT OUT AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON THIS QUESTION. SURE, I'LL BE GLAD TO READ IT FOR YOU HERE. (READS STATEMENT)

Q: MAY I COME BACK TO TURKEY -- WHICH I'M SURE WON'T BE VERY POPULAR -- BUT I'M WONDERING WHAT IT IS THE ADMINISTRATION REALLY WANTS. DURING THE JOHNSON, THE NIXON, AND THE CURRENT INTERIM REGIME, EVERY TIME THE EXECUTIVE IS THWARTED BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS OR OTHERWISE THEY SAY THAT THIS ACT IS LIKELY TO HAVE HORRIBLE CONSEQUENCES ALL OVER THE WORLD. IT'S A LITANY. DO THEY WANT THE CONGRESS TO CHANGE THE CONDITIONS OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS SO THAT COUNTRIES WILL NOT BE PROHIBITED FROM USING AMERICAN MATERIAL FOR INVASION OR MAY BE ABLE TO TRANSFER IT TO THIRD COUNTRIES WITHOUT U.S. APPROVAL? WHAT DO THEY WANT? OR DO THEY JUST WANT CONGRESS TO VOTE THE PRESIDENT DOESN'T HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW? I'M PUZZLED BY THIS.

A: I THINK WITH REGARD TO THE TURKISH AID CUTOFF QUESTION I CANNOT TELL YOU WHAT SPECIFIC PLANS THE ADMINISTRATION MAY HAVE. THE SECRETARY, AS WE KNOW, IS IN VERY CLOSE CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THOSE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO ARE INTERESTED PARTICULARLY IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. AND, AS THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT TODAY SAID, THE ADMINISTRATION WILL URGE THE CONGRESS TO RECONSIDER ITS ACTION AND AUTHORIZE THE RESUMPTION OF OUR ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP TO TURKEY.

NOW, IN THE PARLIAMENTARY SENSE I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THIS MAY INVOLVE. THE SECRETARY OBVIOUSLY WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS WHOLE QUESTION WITH THE PRESIDENT, AND I JUST CAN'T SPECULATE ON IT.

Q: HAS THE SECRETARY GIVEN WORD TO THE TURKS IN ANY FORM WHATSOEVER THAT THERE IS HOPE FOR RESUMPTION OF AID?

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A: WELL, LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY, THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT HERE HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE, OR IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW, TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. I THINK THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ALSO IS AWARE OF THE STATEMENT OF LAST SATURDAY THAT WAS ISSUED FOLLOWING THE MEETING THAT THE SECRETARY HAD WITH CERTAIN CONGRESSMEN, PLUS SENATOR EAGLETON.

Q: ...WERE THERE ANY SPECIAL MEASURES TAKEN TO ENCOURAGE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO BELIEVE THAT THE SECRETARY AND THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH SOME SORT OF REVERSAL ON THE HILL?

A: I AM UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH SPECIAL MEASURES.

Q: ...THE QUESTION, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IS NOT WHETHER CONGRESS IS DENYING MILITARY AID TO TURAGACER ITS OWN SELF-DEFENSE.

THE QUESTION IS THAT TURKEY WENT CONTRARY TO THE CONDITIONS THAT ARE PUT ON THE GRANTING OF THAT AID -- USING SOME OF THAT MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN CYPRUS.

NOW, COULD YOU TELL US, AND THROUGH US, TELL THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE U.S. PEOPLE, WHAT IT IS THAT HAS BEEN DONE TO REGISTER ANY COMPLAINT WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON THIS REGARD. IT SEEMS TO ME IT IS NOT CONGRESS THAT IS GOING CONTRARY TO THE LAW.

A: I FRANKLY, ON THIS WHOLE QUESTION THAT WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING OFF AND ON SINCE LAST SUMMER, I JUST AM NOT GOING TO HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON IT AT THIS TIME.

Q: WILL YOU ACCEPT TED'S -- IS TURKEY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW IN ITS USE OF AMERICAN ARMS TODAY?

A: I REFER YOU BACK TO THE STATEMENT THAT I GAVE LAST SATURDAY AFTER THE MEETING.

Q: SINCE THE CONSEQUENCES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SO DIRE FOR

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NATO, DOES THE SECRETARY HAVE ANY PLANS, EITHER AT THE BEGINNING OR AT THE END OF HIS TRIP, TO MEET WITH THE NATO COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS AND DISCUSS THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS AID CUT-OFF?

A: I KNOW OF NO SUCH PLANS.

Q: IF I COULD FOLLOW UP STEWART'S QUESTION, WHICH I THINK IS BROADER THAN JUST TURKEY OR CYPRUS. IS ANY ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO MODIFY -- IS LEGISLATION BEING WRITTEN NOW THAT WOULD MODIFY OR SUPERSEDE THE STANDARD CLAUSE THAT FORBIDS THE TRANSFER OR RESTRICTS THE END USE OF U.S.-SUPPLIED WEAPONS?

A: MY ANSWER TO THAT IS NO, AS FAR AS I AM AWARE. IF I AM INCORRECT, I WILL GET BACK TO YOU. I KNOW OF NO SUCH MOVEMENT.

Q: THIS QUESTION IS INTERESTING ALL THE MORE BECAUSE OTHER COUNTRIES -- I DON'T SEE WHY I SHOULD NAME FRANCE -- JUST DROPPED THIS TRANSFER CLAUSE. WE ARE SENDING TO EGYPT NOW MODERN ARMAMENTS WITHOUT THIS CLAUSE. SO WOULDN'T IT BE HIGH TIME FOR THE UNITED STATES TO AT LEAST THINK ABOUT IT, WHETHER IT SHOULDN'T BE RECONSIDERED? THE FRENCH ARE SAYING THAT THIS IS OBSOLETE. IT CAN'T BE REINFORCED ANYWAY.

A: I AM AWARE OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S THINKING, AND ACTION, ON THIS.

Q: IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S STATEMENTS ON THIS, I HAVE SEEN NOWHERE ANY REFERENCE TO ADHERENCE TO THE ORIGINAL LAW. IS THE ADMINISTRATION -- IT TALKED ABOUT THE EXTENSION, THE CUT-OFF IN AID, BUT I AM TALKING ABOUT THE REASON THE AID WAS CUT OFF WAS BECAUSE TURKEY DID NOT ADHERE TO THE LAW. I DON'T SEE ANYTHING IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S STATEMENTS ABOUT ADHERENCE TO THE LAW. IS THE ADMINISTRATION DISPLEASED BECAUSE THE LAW IS BEING ENFORCED?

A: I REFER TO THE STATEMENT I MADE LAST SATURDAY.

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Q: I'M TALKING ABOUT THE ORIGINAL LAW.

A: THE QUESTION WAS THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO CERTIFY TWO POINTS -- ONE, --

Q: I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE AID CUT-OFF, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE REASON THE AID WAS CUT OFF WAS BECAUSE TURKEY WAS IN VIOLATION OF A LAW, AND I HAVE SEEN NOWHERE ANY STATEMENT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION ABOUT ADHERENCE TO THE BASIC LAW, NOT THE AID CUT-OFF WHICH GOES INTO EFFECT TODAY.

A: YES. ON THAT QUESTION, THAT IS THE SAME QUESTION THAT WAS ASKED THE SECRETARY WHEN HE CAME DOWN HERE IN JULY, AND I WILL BE GLAD TO DIG OUT WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID ON THAT OCCASION ON THAT VERY POINT.

Q: THE RECORD WILL SHOW THAT THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN ASKED SINCE JULY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, BUT HAS NEVER BEEN ANSWERED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS YET TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTION OF WHAT IT DETERMINED FROM ITS LEGAL STUDY AS TO WHETHER TURKEY HAD VIOLATED THE LEGISLATION IN THE USE OF ITS EQUIPMENT IN CYPRUS, THE USE OF AMERICAN ARMS IN CYPRUS.

Q: MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT THE SECRETARY AT THAT TIME SAID THAT IT WAS UNDER LEGAL STUDY AND HE WAS NOT ABLE TO COMMENT ON THE LEGALITY.

A: RIGHT. THEN HE HAS MADE MANY SUBSEQUENT STATEMENTS ON THE REASON THAT HE FELT THAT THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY SHOULD BE CONTINUED, AND I FRANKLY HAVE NOTHING MORE TO ADD TO IT AND I AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO IT.

Q: I WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW UP TED'S QUESTION FROM BEFORE. COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER U.S. DISPLEASURE HAS BEEN EXPRESSED TO TURKEY DIRECTLY, EITHER THROUGH OUR AMBASSADOR THERE, THROUGH THE SECRETARY HERE IN THE NUMEROUS MEETINGS HE HAS HAD WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS AS TO THEIR ACTING IN A WAY THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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CERTAINLY APPEARED TO BE IN VIOLATION OF A LAW ENOUGH FOR CONGRESS TO PUNISH THEM FOR IT?

I MEAN, HAVE WE EVER DIRECTLY SAID TO TURKEY, "LOOK, YOU DID SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO DO WITH OUR EQUIPMENT THAT IS FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE WEST AND WILL CAUSE DIRE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WEST." CAN YOU GET

AN ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION?

A: I WILL SEE WHAT I CAN DO WITH THAT QUESTION.

Q: COULD YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN YOUR STAFF SOMETIME DIG OUT WHAT YOU CONSIDER OR CAN FIND IS THE CLOSEST

APPROXIMATION TO AN ANSWER TO LAST JULY'S QUESTION ON THE LEGAL STATUS? I AM SERIOUSLY ASKING. I MEAN, THIS IS A QUESTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION -- AT LEAST, IT APPEARS TO ME THE ADMINISTRATION IS GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT POOR TURKEY WHICH, INCIDENTALLY, HAS RECEIVED SIXTEEN PHANTOM JETS SINCE AUGUST, IS BEING MISTREATED BY THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE OF SOME WHIM OF CONGRESS. AND IT SEEMS TO ME IT IS BEING DEALT WITH BY THE UNITED STATES IN A MANNER CALLED FOR BY THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES. I DON'T SEE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS EVER -- CAN EVER ANSWER THAT CHARGE UNLESS THEY CAN COME UP WITH SOMETHING I HAVEN'T SEEN. I DON'T WANT TO ORATE ON THE THING, BUT THIS IS THE PROBLEM WE HAVE.

Q: CAN YOU ASK WHETHER THE STUDY HAS BEEN COMPLETED OR SHELVED?

A: NO, I CANNOT.

Q: YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SOME OF US WHO DOUBT THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN EXHAUSTIVE LEGAL STUDY OF THE QUESTION. AND WE HAVE NEVER BEEN TOLD THAT IT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. SO, IF YOU CAN GIVE US ANY IDEA OF HOW MANY LEGAL-BEAGLES WERE PUT ON THIS SUBJECT, AND HOW MANYMAN-HOURS THEY PUT INTO IT, IT WOULD HELP. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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